

The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, May 3, 2004, at 6:30pm in the Conference Room of the County Office Building, 90 South Main Street, Sparta, North Carolina.

Present: Chair Eldon Edwards, Vice-Chair Warren Taylor, Commissioner Graylen Blevins, Commissioner Sandy Carter, County Manager Don Adams, and Clerk to the Board Karen Evans. Commissioner Patrick Woodie and County Attorney Ed Woltz were absent.

Chair Eldon Edwards called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Graylen Blevins opened the meeting with a prayer.

Commissioner Warren Taylor made a motion to approve the agenda for this May 3, 2004, meeting. Commissioner Sandy Carter Herndon seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

AGENDA  
Monday, May 3, 2004  
6:30 PM

- 6:30 Meeting Called To Order  
Motion on Agenda for May 3, 2004 meeting  
Motion on Minutes for April 19, 2004 meeting  
County Business
1. Older American's Month Proclamation
  2. National Heritage Proclamation
  3. DSS Board Appointment
  4. Blue Ridge Electric Right-of-Way Request
  5. JCPC 04/05 Funding Plan
  6. CJPP Budget Amendment
  7. Other Business
  8. Public Comments—30 minutes
  9. Closed Session—NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3)—legal  
NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (4)—economic development  
NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (6)—personnel
  10. Adjourn

Commissioner Sandy Carter Herndon made a motion to approve the April 19, 2004, minutes. Commissioner Graylen Blevins seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

County Manager Don Adams reviewed a proclamation naming May as Older American's Month.

Chair Eldon Edwards made a motion to approve the proclamation as presented by the County Manager. Commissioner Warren Taylor seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

County Manager Don Adams presented a proclamation about our National Heritage.

Chair Eldon Edwards explained to the Board the changes in this document since the last request came to the Board concerning this resolution.

Commissioner Warren Taylor made a motion to approve the proclamation about our National Heritage. Commissioner Graylen Blevins seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

County Manager Don Adams reminded the Board that as of June 30, 2004, there will be a vacancy on the Social Services board. He talked about the Social Services Department has found someone to fill

this vacancy if no one on the Board is willing to serve.

The Board talked about filling the vacancy with a Commissioner or someone else.

Commissioner Graylen Blevins stated that he is willing to pursue this appointment.

Commissioner Sandy Carter Herndon made a motion to approve the appointment of Commissioner Graylen Blevins to the DSS Board. Commissioner Warren Taylor seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

County Manager Don Adams presented a request from Blue Ridge Electric concerning a utility easement on a piece of County-owned property. He explained that the property is behind Martin Marietta Composites. He further explained a drawing showing where the electric poles and guy wires will be placed on the County property.

Joe Ward, Blue Ridge Electric, explained to the Board the purpose of this easement is to provide an alternate feed to the Town.

Commissioner Warren Taylor and Joe Ward discussed the power coming into the substation behind Martin Marietta.

The Board of Commissioners, County Manager Don Adams and Joe Ward discussed the way the power lines will be running in this area and using this site as an alternate feed for the Town.

Commissioner Sandy Carter Herndon made a motion to approve the utility easement request for Blue Ridge Electric. Commissioner Warren Taylor seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

County Manager Don Adams presented the FY 04/05 JCPC funding. He explained that the revenues will be \$61,581 requiring an \$11,381 local match.

Commissioner Warren Taylor made a motion to approve the funding for FY 04/05 JCPC program. Commissioner Graylen Blevins seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

County Manager Don Adams presented budget amendment General Fund #21 in the amount of \$2,500 for the CJPP program. He explained that these are reallocated funds awarded to the County requiring no additional County money.

Commissioner Sandy Carter Herndon made a motion to approve budget amendment General Fund #21 in the amount of \$2,500. Commissioner Warren Taylor seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

County Manager Don Adams reminded the Board about the Secondary Road Public Hearing on May 17, 2004, at 6:30pm in the Conference Room of the County Office Building.

Commissioner Sandy Carter Herndon mentioned the first annual heritage forum in Boone on May 14. She explained the purpose of the meeting and stated that she will let the Board know what happens at the meeting.

Commissioner Warren Taylor mentioned that the surrounding counties have adopted an exotic animal ordinance. He asked if the Board is interested in looking at developing this type of an ordinance.

The Board of Commissioners discussed this ordinance. They asked the County Manager to bring some examples back to the Board.

Chair Eldon Edwards mentioned an e-mail from Herb Greene discussing funding received by western North Carolina.

Chair Eldon Edwards reminded everyone of the joint meeting with the Board of Education on May 10 at 8:30am then coming to the County Office Building for a budget planning session.

Chair Eldon Edwards asked for public comments. None were received.

Commissioner Warren Taylor made a motion to enter into closed session under NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3)—legal, (a) (4)—economic development and (a) (6)—personnel at 7:05pm. Commissioner Sandy Carter Herndon seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

Commissioner Warren Taylor made a motion to adjourn the closed session and reconvene the regular meeting at 7:50pm. Commissioner Sandy Carter Herndon seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

Chair Eldon Edwards stated that no action was taken during closed session.

Being no further business, Commissioner Warren Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51pm. Commissioner Sandy Carter Herndon seconded the motion. Vote 4:0.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Evans  
Clerk to the Board

Attest:

Eldon Edwards  
Chairman

***ALLEGHANY COUNTY***

***NORTH CAROLINA***

***PROCLAMATION***

***OLDER AMERICAN'S MONTH***

**WHEREAS**, Older Americans offer employers and their community the experience and wisdom of a lifetime of working, raising children, and developing valuable skills. Older Americans are productive and have given much to society; and,

**WHEREAS**, Many new workers lack the basic skills needed for employment. At the same time, the population is growing older and is predicted to increase sharply by the year 2010 when the oldest members of the baby-

boom generation will be 65 and the youngest will be 45; and,

**WHEREAS,** Employers are depending more and more on older workers for their personal attributes: “people” skills such as courtesy, patience, helpfulness, and empathy; loyalty and support of community and company goals; and commitment to the work ethic. Employers are also aware of studies which provide evidence that it makes good sense to hire older workers; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Alleghany County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the month of May 2004 as Older American’s Month in Honor of this important endeavor.

Adopted this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2004.

**ALLEGHANY COUNTY**

**NORTH CAROLINA**

**PROCLAMATION  
SUPPORTING THE RECOGNITION OF GOD  
AS THE**

***FOUNDATION OF OUR NATIONAL HERITAGE***

**WHEREAS,** Our Government was founded upon a trust in God, that was evident when our Founding fathers proclaimed in America’s first official document, our Declaration of Independence, that our rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, were not given to us by government, but by God “our Creator,” the “Sovereign Judge of the Universe”; and

**WHEREAS,** it is fact that between 90 and 95% of those who drafted and signed the US Constitution had a strong belief and trust in God and never ever intended that there should be a separation between Him and the affairs of Government, only that each citizen be free to choose on a personal basis how to worship, or if to worship; and

**WHEREAS,** the recognition of God by our Government was further established when Congress, in 1954, added the phrase “**ONE NATION UNDER GOD,**” to our Pledge of Allegiance, followed in 1956 by the official establishment of, “**IN GOD WE TRUST,**” as our National Motto; and

**WHEREAS,** there is now a growing demand by some within the Judicial System to remove all visible recognition of God from public institutions, we need to remind all that God is central to our National Heritage, and His Ten Commandments are without questions, the foundation of American law, moral values and code of conduct.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED,** that the Alleghany County Board of Commissioners does hereby urge all American citizens, to proclaim to every level of Government (Local, State and Federal) the responsibility to publicly recognize God As the Foundation of Our National Heritage, ...*LEST OUR NATION FORGET AND OUR CHILDREN NEVER KNOW!*

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Adopted this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2004.